

Blind Register. In addition to the census and Social Security information the state maintains a “blind register.” North Carolina General Statute 111-4 requires that all persons with the following visual acuities be listed on the Blind Register (commonly called the Register).

- Visual acuity of 20/70 or worse in the better eye with best correction.
- A field of vision in the better eye to such an extent that its widest diameter subtends an angle of no greater than 30 degrees.
- Visual acuity of 20/50 in the better eye with best correction with one or more of the following eye conditions: Cataract, Nystagmus, Diabetic Retinopathy, Optic Atrophy, Glaucoma, Retinal Degeneration, Keratoconus, Retinitis Pigmentosa, Macular Degeneration

The Register Clerk, who is housed in the DSB State Office, is responsible for listing all eligible persons on the Registry based on information from DSB 1010: Registrant Data Form. The Clerk also uses information from eye reports submitted by DSB personnel (e.g., nursing eye care consultants, social workers, rehabilitation counselors, and other staff), agencies, eye care providers, and other vendors.

There are 21, 543 individuals who are listed in the 2009 Register, which does not report the ages of registrants. Table 6 represents the top 5 most populated counties as listed in the NC Register of the Blind.